

NOMINEE REQUIRING SENATE CONFIRMATION EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT BACKGROUND SUMMARY

NOMINEE: James Loughead

POSITION: Representative of the Livestock Industry, Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board

REPLACING: Reappointment

APPOINTING GOVERNOR: Douglas A. Ducey

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: March 12, 2019

TERM ENDS: January 17, 2022

FUNCTION OF THE ARIZONA STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD:

The primary duty of the Arizona State Veterinary Examining Board (Board) is to protect the public from unlawful, incompetent, unqualified, impaired or unprofessional practitioners of veterinary medicine through licensure and regulation of the profession in Arizona. The Board is responsible for veterinary licensure, technician certification, licensure of crematories and premises, defining regulations for licensed veterinary practitioners and conducting investigations on suspected violations of veterinary law ([A.R.S. § 32-2207](#)).

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR POSITION:

The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor. Each member of the Board serves a term of four years, with no one member serving more than two full terms. Five members shall be licensed veterinarians who have an established practice location in Arizona or are employed by a university or a political subdivision of Arizona and who have resided and practiced in Arizona for at least five years immediately preceding appointment, no more than three of whom shall be from the same veterinary college. Three members shall not be veterinarians, two representing the general public and one representing the livestock industry. One member shall be a certified veterinary technician who has held the designation for at least five years, is currently employed in the veterinary field in Arizona and has practiced and resided in Arizona for at least five years immediately preceding appointment ([A.R.S. § 32-2202](#)).

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND TERM EXPIRATIONS:

Name	Position	Term Expires
<i>James Loughead*</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>January 2018</i>
<i>Darren Wright, DVM*</i>	<i>Vice Chair</i>	<i>January 2018</i>
Chirstina Bertch, DVM	Member	January 2020
J. Greg Byrne, DVM	Member	January 2019
<i>Jessica Creager*</i>	<i>Member</i>	<i>January 2019</i>
Nikki Frost, CVT	Member	January 2020
Sarah Heinrich, DVM	Member	January 2020
Jane Soloman	Member	January 2022
Robyn Jaynes, DVM	Member	January 2021
<i>*Pending Confirmation</i>		

SALARY OR OTHER COMPENSATION:

Each member of the Board shall receive compensation at a rate not exceeding \$100 for each day engaged in the service of the Board ([A.R.S. § 32-2202](#)).

BUDGET AND FTEs:

The Board is funded by monies collected from the examination and licensing of veterinarians, veterinary technicians and veterinary premises. The Board retains 90 percent of monies collected and deposits 10 percent to the state General Fund. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee baseline budget for FY 2020 contains \$591,100 and 6 FTEs ([JLBC](#)).

NOMINEE'S QUALIFICATIONS:

Education:

Bachelor of Science in Animal Sciences, University of Arizona

Employment:

Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA, Inc. – Duluth, Georgia	2009 – present
Senior Sales Representative	2019 – present
Sales Representative II	2009 – 2018
Fort Dodge Animal Health, division of Wyeth – Overland Park, Kansas	2003 – 2009
Senior Territory Manager	2009
Territory Manager	2003 – 2009
Walco International Inc., Chandler, Arizona	1996 – 2003
Sales Representative	1999 – 2003
Warehouse Operations & Product Delivery Specialist	1996 – 1999

Organizations:

Arizona Beef Quality Assurance Program	2012 – present
Certified Trainer of National BQA Guidelines	
Member, Arizona BQA Committee	
Business Member, Maricopa County Farm Bureau – Arizona Farm Bureau Federation	2005 – present
Arizona Cattle Feeders Association	
Board of Directors Member	2007 – present
Affiliate Member	1993 – 1998
Business Associate Member, Arizona Cattle Growers Association	2002 – present
Top Wrangler Award	2012
Affiliate Member, National Cattlemen's Beef Association	2008 – present

Other:

Chairman, Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board	2014 – 2018
Arizona National Livestock Show	1980 – present
The University of Arizona	
Board of Directors – College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni Council	2011 – 2016
Ag 100 Club	2013 – present
District Supervisor, East Maricopa Natural Resource Conservation District	2005 – 2010
CENTRL Alumni, Project CENTRL	1999 – present

Water and Agriculture Committee

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